WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) The system of sanction and payment of pension operates on a decentralised basis. With a view to ensure timely sanction of pensions, instructions were issued in January, 1987 making Heads of Departments/Offices accountable for strict compliance of the Government Orders for ensuring authorisation of pension and gratuity—provisional or final—by the date of retirement on superannuation. The retiring employees who did not receive their Pension Payment Order by the date of retirement were advised to bring such cases to the notice of this Ministry. The system is operating satisfactorily.

Creation of New All India Services

1304. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to create new All India Services;

(b) if so, at what stage of consideration are they and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does arise.

Functions of Staff Selection Commission

1305. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) when the Staff Selection Commission was constituted and what are the functions of the Commission;

(b) whether before the constitution of Staff Selection Commission, all competitive examinations were being conducted by U.P.S.C.;

(c) whether unsolved last years question papers of all U.P.S.C. examinations were being sold through officially set up 'Kitab Mahal';

(d) whether this facility was very useful to candidates for their preparations;

(e) whether this facility is now not available to candidates either appearing for Staff Selection Commission or U.P.S.C. Examinations;

(f) whether Government propose to take some action in this regard in the interests of candidates; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) The Staff Selection Commission was constituted vide Government Resolution dated 4th November, 1975 and it started functioning from 1st July 1976. Its functions are to make recruitment to Group 'B' non-gazetted posts of Assistants and Stenographers Grade 'C' and all non-technical Group 'C' posts in the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and in their attached and subordinate offices, except those posts for which recruitment is made by the Railway Service Commissions/ Railway Recruitment Boards and Industrial Establishments.

(b) No, Sir. Even before the constitution of Staff Selection Commission, Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts in the Government were not within the purview of Union Public Service Commission and selection for them were made directly by respective organisations.

(c) to (g) The Union Public Service Commission are printing pamphlets containing examination rules and only con-

ventional type question papers of the preceding examinations for the benefit of candidates for the following examinations :—

(i) Civil Services (Main) Examination;

(ii) Engineering Services Examination;

(iii) Indian Forest Service Examination;

(iv) IES/ISS Examination;

(v) Section Officers/Stenographers (Group 'B'/Grade I) Limited Departmental Competitive Examination.

These pamphlets are available for sale from the 'Kitab Mahal' and some other outlets. In the case of SSC, most of the question papers are of objective type.

The Staff Selection Commission, however, brings out a quarterly journal "Lodestar" (in English) and "Dhruvtara" (in Hindi) containing useful guidance material, including sample questions, for the candidates appearing for their major examinations. This journal is quite popular with the candidates. The existing steps being taken by the Union Public Service Commission for the guidance of candidates for their examinations are considered adequate.

Ban on recruitment in Central Government Services

1306. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY
SHRI SUKUMAL SEN

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a ban on the recruitment in the Central Government Services/offices still exists;

(b) whether it is also a fact that such action is accelerating the accute problem of unemployment in our country; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to lift ban on recruitment ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) to (c) Government have not issued any general orders putting a total ban on recruitment for Government jobs.

1307. [*Transferred to 16th March, 1993.*]

Obtaining employment as Secretary to Government of India

1308. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the present system or procedure for empaneling Officers from All India Service for the post of Secretary to Government of India.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : The Cabinet Secretary prepares proposals for consideration of Government regarding inclusion of names of officers from All India Services in the panel of officers adjudged suitable for appointment to the posts of Secretary to the Government of India. In this task, the Cabinet Secretary may be assisted by a Special Committee of Secretaries. Inclusion in such panels is through a process of strict selection and evaluation of such qualities as merit, competence, leadership and flair for participating in the policy-making process. The posts at these levels at the Centre are not considered as posts for the betterment of promotion prospects of any Service and the needs of the Central Government are given paramount consideration.

संयुक्त सचिवों के नए पद

1309. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 17 फरवरी, 1993 के पायनियर में "आई. ए. एस. आफिसर्स मूव टू केपचर आई. आई. एस.